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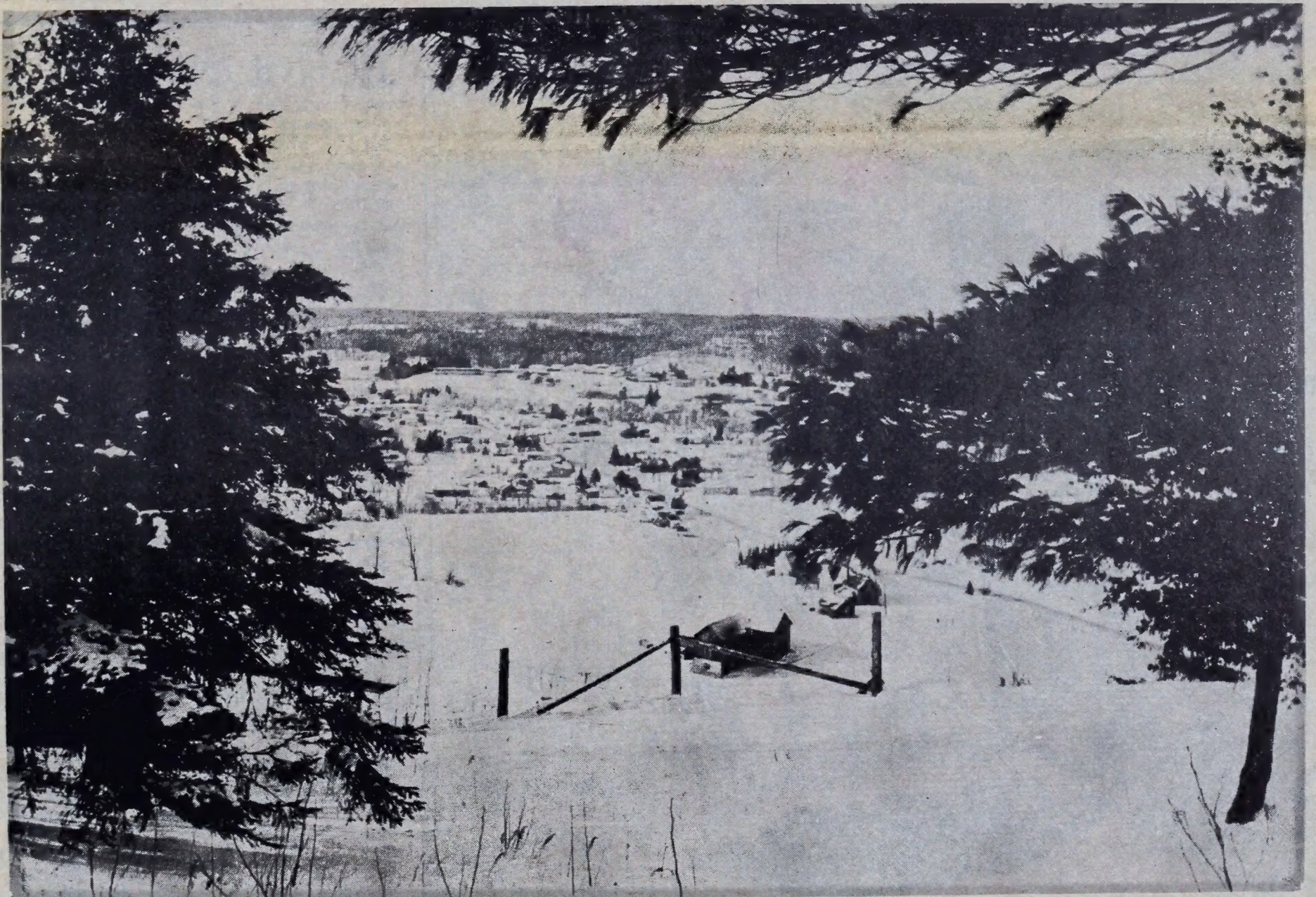


CHRISTMAS

FROM THE STAFF OF

The HIGHLANDS

Express



MINDEN FROM PIKE'S PEAK

New Year Greetings

Next Edition, January 1978



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Just a last minute check. Santa wants to make sure every detail is just right so you can have the merriest, happiest Christmas ever!

Management and Staff of
Ronald Wrightman
 REALTY LTD. BROKER.

Incubator fund halfway

MINDEN — The Travelling Incubator Fund in Minden now stands at \$1,145. This now leaves approximately \$1,200 left to raise. The latest donation received was from the Townships of Sherbourne, McIntock and Livingstone, who pledged \$50.

To date the following people and organizations have donated money towards this worthwhile project: Dr. and Mrs. Tepper \$10; J. G. Middleton \$10; Twp. of Glam-

organ \$75; Twp. of Snowdon \$20; Dr. J. Lodenquai \$75; Molly Locke \$25; Flora Morrison \$100; C. Thompson \$5; Twp. of Lutterworth \$100; Twp. of Stanhope \$100; Twp. of Monmouth \$25; Twp. of Cardiff \$25; Twp. of Somerville, \$25; County of Haliburton \$100; Minden Rod Cross \$200; Kinsmen Club of Minden \$200; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Burke \$10 and Mrs. Dorothy Aisford \$10.

MNR says no

to fish hatchery

MINDEN — A letter was read to Anson, Hindon and Minden council from K. H. Loftus, Director of Fisheries Branch of the Ministry of Natural Resources stating that Haliburton County has no suitable location for a fish hatchery.

Mr. Loftus informed council that a trout hatchery has very specific site re-

quirements and that Haliburton County just hasn't a suitable location. He went on to say that a prerequisite for the hatchery would be a good supply of spring water, 2000 gallons per minute. The Ministry over the past few years has looked over many sites in Haliburton but none were suitable.



Fun for everyone when realtor aids library fund

Saturday morning children of all ages boarded the library wagon at Minden's fire hall and enjoyed a good old fashioned horse and wagon ride to the Case Realty office where they were all treated to free hot dogs and cokes donated by Case.

Not only the children enjoyed this rare treat but also the local merchants and motorists who were on hand with ready smiles and vigorous waves for the passing children.

Case Realty donated \$100 to the fund and also provided the horses and wagon

for this excursion.

Mr. Basil Hewitt did an excellent job of driving the team with all kids on board. This is a big responsibility and he did a superb job.

The following people were waiting at the Case office and received the children with a warm welcome: Ed Pergolas, Harry Hodgson, Joe Shapiera, Hector Roman, Mrs. Alf Wickens, Mrs. Robert Case, Mrs. Helen Burton, Mr. Alf Wickens and Mr. Robert Case.

JP civil marriages said illegal

MINDEN — Although an Act to revise the marriage law, Bill 62, received third reading in the legislature early in Nov., Justice of the Peace do not have the authority to perform marriages until the new Act comes into force by proclamation and they have been specifically authorized by the Ministry of the Attorney General.

The new marriage act will not come into force until it is proclaimed, which

is not expected to happen until the spring of 1978.

The appropriate instruction and other material pertaining to changes in the act will be sent to Townships in advance of the proclamation.

In the meantime, the provisions of the current act continue in force. Particular vigilance and care must be exercised to ensure couples wanting to contract civil marriage don't mistakenly seek out a JP.

Snow-covered scenes
and glistening
tree tops make dreams
of Christmas
wonderment
a living joy
to young
and old
alike.



May the
season abound
in many
joyful moments
for everyone.

Merry Christmas

Reeve
and Members of Council of

**THE TOWNSHIP OF
STANHOPE**



**A
Treasury of
Christmas Wishes**

May your holiday be full of glimmer...
and brimming with precious memories.

Sincere "thanks" to everyone.
Management and Staff of

Varty Jewellers
HALIBURTON

Random letters to Santa Claus

Recently an Express advertiser asked children in the county between the ages of 5 and 7 to colour a picture of Santa Claus and include a letter to him also. Here are just a few of the replies he received:

Dear Santa,
My name is Lorne and I am 5 years old. My brothers name is Derek and he is 2 years old. Would you please bring us each a machine gun for Christmas? We are trying to be good. Thank you.

Lorne and Derek

Dear Santa,
How are you I am fine. I hope you like my picture. I am 7 years old, I have been a good boy this year I would like a bow and arrow set, gun, racing car set, Hope you have a merry christmas Ronnie. I Love you SANTA, xxxooo Ronnie Townsend, Harcourt

Dear Santa I want baby come back and a crib and some other toys we will leave you some milk and cookies and a apple for your deer.

Merry Christmas Santa, from Paula

Gooderham, Ont.

Dear Santa: I would like baby Alive pretty please, and an easy-bake oven please. I have a brother he is four years old. He would like Stretch Armstrong and a car. It was my mothers Birthday she got a lamp on her Birthday she would like a Provincial lottery ticket pretty please.

Love from Carrie Lynn Billings

Dear Santa Claus
I hope you will get me love-a-tub doll and I hope you will get me wake-up thum-belina and I have been a good girl too. I hope you will give my two sisters and brother something nice too. I will leave out a glass of milk and some cookies too and I will try to get one with a S for Santa.

Love Alison

Eagle Lake, Ont.

Dear Santa

I am glad we have lots of snow for your reindeer.

I have been a good girl all year. For Christmas I would like you to bring me a superstar Barbie and a Baby That-away. My little brother would like a tractor. He has been good all year too.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas too and a Happy New Year.

I love you Santa.

Love Kellie Bird

Dear Santa claus

I am 9 years old I am in grade four I would like you to bring me a game called Thunder shift 500 and a hockey game and a case of cars.

From Alex Little, Minden

Dear Santa:

How are you? Hope you had a nice year. I would like come Back Baby and Wonder Woman. My sister Jane would like Baby in a Tub, skate board. Thanks very much

Love Julie and Jane

Winners of the Christmas Wish colouring contest at Stedmans in Haliburton are Monty Miscio and Kimmi Eade, both of Haliburton.

Canadian Comment

BY PETER WARD

OTTAWA—(SF)—There's a diminishing amount of faith in the Canadian mail system, and just in case a few of those seasonal request letters directed to the old gent at the North Pole have done astray, perhaps it might be helpful to offer a partial list of things our politicians would like under the tree Christmas morning.

For Prime Minister Trudeau, there's that new parlor game, Constitution Reform. The idea is to use a varying number of crisis situations to push through the changes in game rules which will best benefit the player. There are all manner of distractions on the playing board, such as inflation and unemployment, which can side-track you from your goal of being able to draft new rules for the entire game, ensuring that you win every time.

It's rather late this year for Tory leader Joe Clark to ask for a son born Christmas Day, but perhaps he'd settle for a promisory note for the keys to 24 Sussex Drive and a football you never drop because it's coated with invisible sure-stick glue.

Ed Broadbent likes Bach, but that's nothing compared with the appreciation he'd show for the music of solid, meaningful commitment of all the labor votes in Canada.

Transport Minister Otto Lang sure doesn't need free airline passes for the holidays, but he'd just love it if someone could give him a fool proof harness guaranteed to keep your feet out of your mouth. Throw in a couple of hundred hopper cars if the spirit of generosity is really deep-felt.

I understand Jack Horner is struggling with the difficulties of wearing his coat inside out, and a truly reversible jacket would please him no end. A credit to take the Berlitz guaranteed instant course in French would make a nice stocking-stuffer.

Finance Minister Chretien was considering a request for dollars which would stretch, but there's not much point when you've got rubber money already. How about one of those super market shopping calculators which enable you to keep track of purchases so you don't spend more than you've got?

Agriculture Minister Gene Whelan gets grammar lessons; Tory Elmer MacKay gets a home detective kit; Justice Minister Ron Basford gets Starsky and Hutch on his staff, and Supply and Services Minister Jean Pierre Goyer gets the gate.

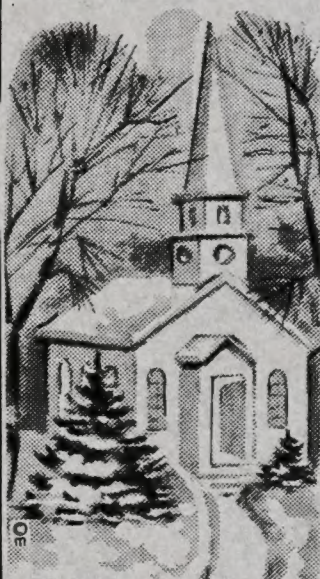
Best of all, the people of Canada get the promise that there will be an election some time this year, preferably before summer, so we can get to work and clean up the mess.

CB Club to monitor Santa's trip south

Why do time payments always run ahead of the clock?

The REACT members of Haliburton County Unit 3510 are going to actively monitor Santa's trip on Christmas eve from the North Pole, as he winds his way southward to deliver his rewards to young and old. Monitoring will begin at 7 pm. and continue through to 9 pm. when all good buddies should be in bed. Listen in on channel 23.

PEACE



With deep sincerity, we send Christmas greetings and best wishes to all.

Staff of
Elstone Motor
Sales Ltd.
Haliburton



Peace on Earth...

Good will towards men. With grateful appreciation for your support, we express greetings and good wishes of the season.

Wm. Jackson Plumbing

Extension for dock removal

At a recent meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden council, an extension was given to Norm Harrison Sr. to remove the illegal dock that was erected on his Lake Kashagawigamog lot.

Council received a report from By-law Officer, Dick Schell, that the reason the

dock had not been removed to date was the water levels being too high. Council then granted an extension for removal to Sept. 30, 1978. If it is not removed by this date, the Township will remove the dock and all costs will be charged to Mr. Harrison.



May the wisdom and love of the Three Kings fill you with the true meaning of Christmas.

Elvin Johnson and Family

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Dinner 8 pm;

Dance 9 pm

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To all our friends
and patrons
we wish the
merriest Christmas
ever. Your loyal support
has been deeply
gratifying
Have a happy holiday
Cam Carey
and Staff of



Mark S. Vasey

Insurance Agency (1976) Ltd.

MINDEN — HALIBURTON



MINDEN — Winner of the giant Panda Bear that was raffled off by the Minden Figure Skating Club was won last week by four-month old Kimberley-Anne Robinson seen above with her teddy and mom, Dorothy Ann. The winning ticket number was #206797.



We're issuing a dividend of
good will and good cheer . . .
along with our special thanks for all
your continued confidence and loyalty.

**Management and Staff
BANK OF MONTREAL
Haliburton**



Good wishes,
gratitude . . .
stem right
from our
hearts
and go
out to you.

*Merry
Christmas*

Don, Pat and Staff of

Campbell's Garden Centre



Thinking Slim

BY JEAN NIDETCH

"Four days! I was so good for four days, and then my in-laws came to visit and I ended up making every fattening dish I know — and eating them."

Sound familiar? If I were musically inclined, I think I could compose a theme song about the dieter's on-again, off-again syndrome. Heaven knows, I experienced it myself often enough when I was tipping the scales 72 pounds more than they needed to be tipped.

I would be invited to a party or a wedding or I would decide on my own that by the tenth of the month I would absolutely shed ten pounds. My resolve knew no limits. I was not going to be swayed or tempted by caramel, coconuts, cream sauce or chestnuts.

I would simply limit myself to something bland and low in calories like cottage cheese (and maybe a carrot or two) for two weeks (hopefully) and once I had lost those first few pounds, why, the rest would be easy.

That's what I told myself. In reality, by the time the third or fourth day rolled around, I was becoming ravenous for something to really get my teeth into. And if I didn't seize upon a loaf of French bread or a box of pretzels then and there, you can be sure it wasn't long after that I did.

Why? Well, for one thing, because by denying myself a full spectrum of food, I was only increasing my desire for variety. Defeating my purpose, in other words. And then, I wasn't thinking in terms of one day — indeed, one meal at a time, which is the most sensible and reasonable philosophy. I was calculating my eating, and my weight loss in chunks. Well, you know what they say about a journey of 1,000 miles beginning with one step. If you think about all you will have to endure, chances are you aren't going to make the trip.

Then, too, I am a human being, subject to weak moments when all the resolve in the world couldn't keep me from a rich, ripe slice of pizza. But once I learned that even if I did fall off my weight control program at that particular moment, it didn't mean the end, I simply started fresh again. And eventually I lost my 72 pounds and haven't seen them since.

You can do it, too, my friend. One step at a time, on a varied, well-balanced weight control program — even if you do slip on occasion.

MOST CUTS of pork today are higher in protein and lower in fat. For a free booklet, including nine pork recipes, send a self-addressed, stamped, long white envelope to: "Primer on Pork," JEAN NIDETCH, c/o this newspaper.

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good will and
good cheer, too;
coming your way
with our sincere wishes for a memorable Christmas.

Carnarvon Bargain Barn

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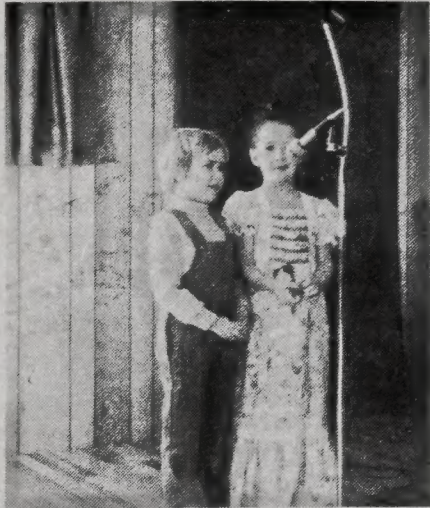
Families and friends, young
and old, come together during this
season to rejoice at His birth.

We join together to offer thanks!

Management and Staff of

MINDEN IGA

Santa visits Stanhope Fire Dept.



Saturday afternoon Stanhope Firemen held their 4th annual children's Christmas party in their hall on the North Shore Road. Many senior citizens of the township were in attendance for an afternoon of entertainment and song. While waiting for Santa, Garnet Graham of Fenelon Falls entertained with several magical tricks and Edward Harris, Lara Patton, Ray Johnson and Christine Langford led the audience in Christmas carols. Then the big moment all were waiting for happened. To the tune of Jingle Bells Santa arrived! After his gala entrance gifts were distributed among the young and old and a good time was had by all. Many residents will be happy to see Charles Fader out for the occasion (lower right) who has surpassed his 98th birthday. Congratulations!



Design for decontrol

The Anti-Inflation Board has begun preparations for the decontrol phase of the program.

In anticipation of the wind-down, the Board has prepared a package of material which includes the amended regulations and four new technical bulletins. Approximately 17,000 of these packages will be issued.

The bulletins will guide companies and employee groups reporting to the Board during the decontrol period. They set out the reporting requirements for compensation packages, prices and profits and professionals.

Under the "phased" or gradual method of decontrol which begins April 14, 1978, companies and employee groups will emerge from controls at different times, the exact dates to be determined by the size and nature of the company, or the agreement date in the case of employee groups.

Compensation plans which take effect from October 14, 1977 to April 14, 1978 will still be subject to controls for a full year from the starting date of the agreement. The guideline for compensation plans starting during this period will be six per cent.

Professional firms will continue to report to the Board for their fiscal year ending after April 14, 1978. The exact date will be determined by the date of each firm's year end.

Dividends from companies operating in Canada will continue to be under controls until October 13, 1978, although the limit for these payments has been raised by six per cent.

Only the bulls and bears gambol in the stock market.



Merry Christmas

We extend warmest wishes and thanks to our many customers and friends.

The Storeroom
Natural Foods and Crafts



JOY to the WORLD

On key this season... good tidings for all, and a warm "thanks," to our many patrons.

The Pine Shop Staff



It came upon a midnight clear... as angels' voices heralded the birth of our dear Saviour. Let us rejoice.



Everyone at
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You're on our greetings list. Happy Holidays and sincere "thank you."

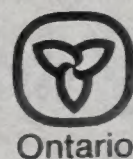
Management and Staff of
Sid Stamp Fuels Ltd.

NOTICE To Private Woodlot Owners

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SELLING FUELWOOD FROM YOUR WOODLOT, THE MINDEN OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION REGARDING MARKETS FOR THIS MATERIAL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE MINDEN OFFICE AT

286-1521



Ministry of
Natural
Resources

Hon. Frank S. Miller
Minister

Dr. J.K. Reynolds
Deputy Minister



Jolly Good Wishes for Christmas

Mike and Clara Vuksic and Staff wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MIKE'S MILK
MINDEN and HALIBURTON

SUBURBIA



"I think old Santa might enjoy a martini more than milk and cookies!"



MINDEN — Medley's Pizza owned and operated by Larry Medley of Haliburton, officially opened his Minden Pizzeria at noon last Thursday. Above left to right, Mike Vuksic purchases the first pizza from Mickey Hamilton, manager of the Minden outlet and Larry Medley. This is the second Medley's Pizza in the County. The Express would like to wish Mr. Medley and his staff great success in this new business.

Fire Chief's suggestion for Christmas safety

by Deac Jackson

A happy Christmas can change in a few moments to a family tragedy, warns Minden Fire Chief W. M. Deac Jackson, in homes where fire safety precautions are neglected. Such precautions should head the list of every sensible family in preparation for Christmas.

The following are a few suggestions that we hope will help every family have a merry, tragedy free festive season.

Christmas brings temptations to many parents, while visiting with neighbours or completing last minute shopping, to leave small children unattended for short periods.

At the same time, decorations, trees and wrapping material bring an increased threat of fire danger unless constant care is exercised. We urge that parents recognize the danger of this season and not leave small children alone in the home — not even for a moment.

Christmas Tree Safety — The evergreen tree, safe with intelligent use, can present a serious fire hazard if improperly handled. The difference lies in the

moisture content of the tree — a condition over which you have a surprising degree of control. There are three simple steps to safety and enjoyment of your favourite tree.

1. Don't purchase a tree that has dried out. Trees that are too dry have brittle branches and needles that shed easily. Test branches and needles for flexibility.

2. Store tree outdoors, preferably under cover until it is used. If it must be stored indoors, re-cut butt end and immerse in water, maintain

water supply.

3. When tree is to be erected, re-cut butt diagonally. Stand tree in water above height of last cut and maintain water supply for duration of tree's use.

A tree handled in this manner will maintain its water content and in many cases will stay fresh, green and safe all season.

Your Fire Departments in the county wishes you and yours a most Happy Christmas, but please make it a FIRE FREE Christmas.

JUST FOR YOU!

A new home, a used home, a new car, a used car — You Can Find It All In The Classified Columns Of The Highlands Express

TRY IT THIS WEEK AND SEE!



Merry Christmas

Home is where hearts are . . . especially during Christmas. Our hope is that every home is filled with the warmth of the true Christmas spirit. Many thanks to everyone.

SHAWN L. HAGERMAN

Representative

Mutual Life of Canada



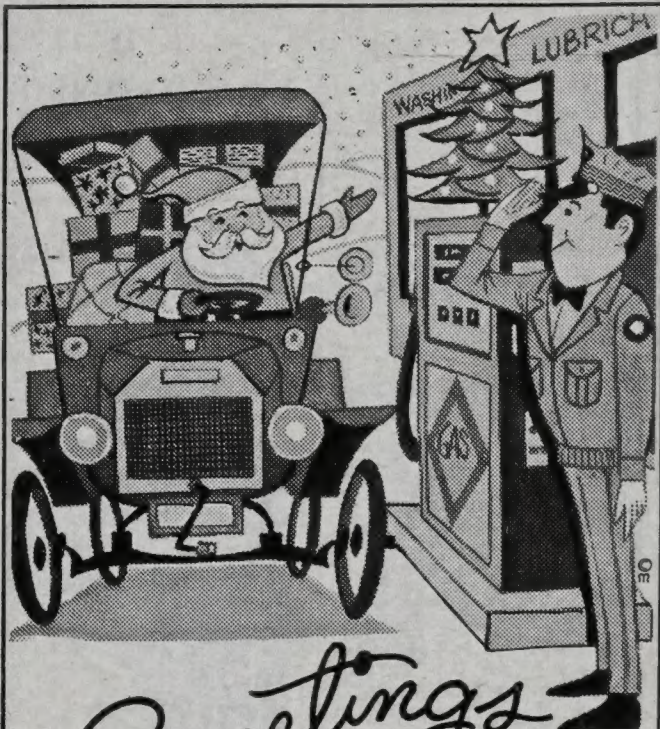
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To all our friends and patrons we wish the Merriest Christmas ever. Your loyal support has been deeply gratifying. Have a happy holiday.

Management and Staff of

HALIBURTON MACHINE & MFG. LTD.

HALIBURTON, ONTARIO



Greetings

Santa's coming along spreading lots of holiday cheer. And, he's delivering special thanks to our nice friends.

Staff of Riverside Garage

WEST GUILFORD



Mailing early for Christmas — Mickey and Minnie Mouse made sure that their Christmas letters got off to the North Pole in plenty of time. They and their friends took their mail to the North Pole Post Office, part of the all new Very Merry Christmas Parade, at Walt Disney World. The Parade will be held at the Magic Kingdom from December 17 through January 2.

Walt Disney World

SYNDICATED TRAVEL NEWS. — Can you imagine watching toy soldiers, silly reindeer, and a Christmas card drill team? Well, this will all take place over the holiday season at Walt Disney World.

Santa's Toy Shop, Mrs. Claus' Candy Shop, and the North Pole Post Office are among the parading picture settings to be led by, who else, Mickey and Minnie Mouse. Also starring in the bigger-than-life parade will be giant gingerbread men, Santa's Elves, as well as wozzles and hefalumps.

Charles Ridgeway, the Director of Publicity for Walt Disney World, says that the Magic Kingdom offers a "new vacation concept" affording pleasure for entire families.

Would you believe that in its six years of existence, Walt Disney World has entertained more than 71-million vacationers, and it is still growing?

Planned for opening in 1978 are additions to the Polynesian Village Hotel, 64 new energy-saving homes at Lake Buena Vista, and the first of several new office buildings in Commerce Commons, also at Lake Buena Vista.

Ideal visit

Ridgeway, when asked what would be the ideal length of time to visit Walt Disney World, said that ideally a visit should last for about a week, "and certainly not less than four days". He added that there are many other attractions in the area of Walt Disney World, in addition to the Magic Kingdom itself.

These other attractions — all within a day's return trip — include the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, the Cypress Gardens, Sea World, River Country, and Fort Wilderness.

He suggests that visitors spend two or three days at the Magic Kingdom, then spend some time touring the various places of interest nearby, and then perhaps returning to Walt Disney for a final day or two, before returning home.

The main complaint that the officials at the Magic Kingdom get is that visitors often do not have enough time to see and do everything available. Hence, the suggestion that vis-

its be between four and seven days. Of course, for those of you who do not have this length of time to spend, a shorter visit to the Magic Kingdom is better than no visit at all!

There's a variety of accommodation available right at the Magic Kingdom — ranging from hotel rooms to tree-houses. All the prices are based on the room or unit rate, and the units can hold up to five or six persons.

Hotel rooms cost from \$50-65 per night, and they can accommodate two adults and up to three children under 18 years; townhouses run at \$60 per night for a one-bedroom unit holding up to four persons, and \$85 for the two-bedroom layouts holding six people.

For a different style home,

try a tree-house for your holiday. These cost \$95 per night, have two bedrooms, and can hold up to six persons.

By staying at one of the properties at the Magic Kingdom, you will also get transportation around the property, and have access to the hotel facilities such as beaches, pools, etc.

Tickets for entry to the Magic Kingdom cost on an average of \$9 per person, and by staying on the property you can go back and forth from your accommodation to the attractions.

Of course, the Magic Kingdom is mainly for children, right? "not at all," says Ridgeway, "It provides entertainment and interest for the entire family, adults and children alike." The facility has such a varied clientele that every so often they have a Senior Citizen's day, and those over a certain age have the Magic Kingdom filled to capacity.

Oh well, Mickey Mouse may be nearing his 50th birthday, but like his fans, he gets younger every day.

Anyone who doesn't believe in spirits should stop in our favorite watering hole sometime.



GREETINGS

The days of yesteryear live on with every new Christmas season. May you enjoy your holidays with that good-old-time happy spirit.

Staff of
Minden Marine and Automotive



Merry Christmas
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holiday
shimmer, add
our warm
gratitude.

John Lindsay and Staff
of Lindsay Pontiac - Buick

Extend to you their thanks for your patronage and we take this opportunity to wish you the merriest of Christmases and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Sport's

Jadek trounces Oakwood 8-2

MINDEN — For the second straight game, the Minden Jadek Sport Bantams have dominated the game over Oakwood, this time trouncing them at the Centre, 8-2. Minden blanked this same Oakwood squad 9-0 in Oakwood last Monday evening. Ronnie Yake and Shawn Chapman were the instru-

ments of Oakwoods demise in this contest, each getting the hat trick and setting up another goal. Ricky Beeney Ivan Ingram scored the two other Minden goals. Woodville scorers were David Farr and Darrell Appleton. Minden outshot Woodville in this game 29-13.

Doug Schell fires winner

MINDEN — The OMHA Minden Peewees, behind the brilliant goaltending of Colin Newell held off a determined bid by the Woodville pee-wees, to post a 3-2 win.

Goaltending was definitely the difference in this game with Minden's Newell just a little sharper than Woodville's netminder Ronnie Stewart.

The difference came with Doug Schell's goal late in

the second period while on the power play. Doug took a perfect pass from Andy Shapiera and fired high in the net for what proved to be the winning goal. Scott Hamilton also drew an assist on the play. Other goal scorers were Eldon Bull from Robbie MacLeod and Tim Wood, unassisted in the first period. Randy Metheral and Ken Jones replied for Woodville.

Rockcliffe Hotel posts perfect score

CARNARVON — For the first time this year, a team in the Men's Commercial bowling league has come up with a perfect night. The Rockcliffe Hotel Beer Nuts did it on Wednesday evening, taking seven points in all three games for the maximum 21 points. This very productive evening vaulted the Beer Nuts from 4th to 2nd place in the league standings, just two back of the leaders, Minden Progress.

Modern Electric came up with 11 points and now are in third spot, while the 14 point evening of Ingoldsbys has them in 4th. Peterborough Lumber and NorPhoto

are 5th and 6th respectively

The top performer of the night was Carl Holmstrom, who led his Rockcliffe team mates to their perfect evening. Carl came up with a super 309, 192, 344 for 845. Fellow teammate Ian Colman chipped in with a 270, 259, 232 singles for a 761 night. The Progress's Elroy Terry also had a fine evening, posting games of 235, 236, 242 for 713.

An old-timer is a fellow who can remember when being well-fixed meant you were amply supplied with money.

MR. FOGG'S

Holiday Week Hours

Christmas Eve — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Christmas Day — Special Dinner at 5:30 p.m. (Reservations Only)

Boxing Day — Closed.

Tuesday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Dec. 27-30)

Saturday, December 31 —

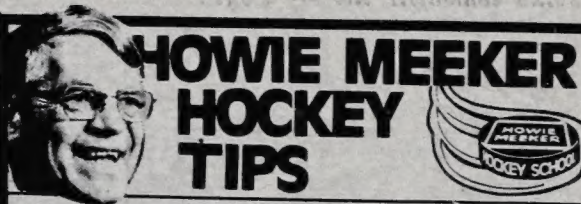
Coffee Shop 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dining Room Special Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Reservations only.

New Year's Day — 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

January 2 — Regular Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.



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SKATES

Okay, the skate must have support in the counter which is the heel area of the skate, and in the ankle area. I have well over 2000 boys from all parts of Canada attending my Summer Hockey Schools and I personally check every pair of skates.

I look particularly for boots that are too large and counters that are too soft. It's difficult to believe but from 75 to 80% of the boys have one or both problems. An educated guess is that about half those kids with inadequate skates did not try them on before purchase. They are victims of "buying by size," an experience that can turn an unconcerned shopper into a rabid consumer advocate. We're dealing with the purchase of skates for boys up to 12 years, size 12 to about size 4 in a price range from \$17.95 to \$35.00.

The first problem you will encounter is a lack of standardization in size. In other words, "Mac's Marvels" in size 3 are the same size as "Speedy Specials" in size 4. There is one other factor to consider: a size 5 in a \$19.95 skate may be larger or smaller than a size 5 in a \$29.95 skate, made by the same manufacturer, because the last is more expensive. So always try on every pair of skates you are considering.

If I am going to tell you what to ask about and look for in a skate you must shop in a place where they know what you're talking about, and quite frankly, I'd say that there is less than one in 10 salesmen who can fit a skate properly. So if you find one count your blessings. The best way to go about it is to tell the clerk you want a pair of skates for the little kid with you, ones that have a boot that holds his ankles as firmly as a vice, blades that will hold an edge for six hours of skating and a price tag that will not break the piggy bank. Even if that's all you know, the guy has the message. If he is conscientious, he can fill your order for around \$19.95, give or take a dollar.

You told the clerk you wanted support. The only place Tommy needs support is in the counter and around his ankles, not around his toes or arches. To illustrate, go get the skates your youngster is wearing. Now grasp the counter area from behind and pinch the two sides together, twisting them from side to side. If they are soft, limp or pliable, I'll bet you thought your young skater had weak ankles. His ankles bend when skating or turning, right? If the counter feels stiff and requires considerable force to bend from side to side, the skate, if the correct size, should be providing good support.

Remember, there are no weak ankles, only weak skates or poorly fitted skates.

NEXT WEEK: "How to fit a pair of skates."

Carnarvon ladies 10th

PETERBOROUGH — The Zone round of the Ladies Daytime bowling tournament was held last week at Lakeview Lanes in Peterborough and Beatrice Teasdale and her teammates from Lakeview finished first with a total pinfall of 2971. They now advance to the provincial championships with hopes of winning a trip to Nassau courtesy of the sponsor, Marvel Ad displays of Kitchener. The annual tournament is open only to daytime ladies bowling leagues and is run by the BPAO.

Carnarvon's entry in the round finished 10th but had a fine time and are looking forward to entering again next year. Carnarvon Lanes were represented by Joan Hatoski, Jean Carr, Audrey Fountain, Susan Beers and Shirley Howe. The team had a total pinfall of 2692.

NHL leaders

	G	A	P
Trotter, NYI	21	30	51
Lafleur, Mtl	21	22	43
Sittler, Tor	15	26	41
Perreault, Buf	21	17	38
Esposito, NYR	14	24	38
Bossy, NYI	23	14	37
Clarke, Pha	10	27	37
Gillies, NYI	12	24	36
Gardner, Col	23	12	35
Robert, Buf	10	25	35



Many thanks for your loyalty and confidence.

Paul, Janet and Staff of
MINDEN DRUG STORE



Christmas Wishes

Many thanks for your loyalty and confidence.

John and Ina of
Simpson-Sears, Minden

Silent night...

Voices join to herald the birth of our Saviour. May you enjoy peace and contentment with your loved ones.



John, Minnie, Ace and Rod of
Minden Home Hardware



Garwood, Evelyn and Staff of
The Cameo Restaurant

Juveniles drop 5-4 to Omemee

Heywoods top 3rd annual family tournament

OMEMEE — Early last week, Vasey Juveniles travelled to Omemee for a league game and came away with a 5-4 loss after leading at one time 3-1.

Dave Brown opened the scoring in the first period on a pass from S. Davies. Before the period ended, Omemee's Phil Finney tied the contest.

Bill Musclow, in a three way passing play with Davies and Brown put Minden ahead 2-1 early in the second and two minutes later Minden's Davies took apass from Brown to make it 3-1. Then things started to happen for Omemee.

Al Marazek closed the period with an unassisted

marker, cutting the Minden lead to 3-2. Omemee then corsed three straight goals in the third. Mike Lariere with two and Chris Deactics.

Steve Crowe suffered a possible shoulder separation

in this contest when given a cheapshot check from Omemee's Finney. The infraction brought a major, match and minor penalty to the culprit and a minimum three game suspension will accompany the match penalty. Omemee was assessed 43 minutes in penalties in the game while Minden picked up 22 minutes.

Three stars of the game for Minden were Steve Davies, Dave Brown and Bill Musclow.

CARNARVON — 100 youngsters and their parents in the Carnarvon Lanes YBC 3rd annual family twosome tournament rolled 2 games apiece to decide champions and runners-up. Leading the way were Robert Heywood and father Gerry, as they started off with two terrific games of 262 and 263 flat. This gave them a lead of 981 for four games, including Robert's handicap 108. This score got them the trophy in the Father and Son division. Second place went to Don and Shane Blakey with 957 for the runner-up trophy.

Barb Adams teamed up with uncle, Wes Stata to win the trophy for Father and Daughter with 877. Second was Ross and Wendy Ballantyne with 816.

Maud Coulter teamed up with grandson Jeff Stamp to

capture the Mother and Son trophy with 838. Runner-up trophy was won by Ruth and Eric Johnson with 714.

In the Mother and Daughter category Kim Griffin & mother Ev won with 866. Runners-up were Darlene Allison and mother Barbara

Some top performances came from: Boyes 283; Johnson 266; Conway 257; Ballantyne 257; Allison 337; Schell 275; Stamp 345; Heywood 414; Allison 291; Adams 336; Yake 322; Warburton 319; Googh 286; Burley 318; Griffin 435; Beenev 207; Blakey 436; and Harrison 386.

OMHA standings as of Sat., Dec. 17)

Team	Gp	W	L	T	Tp
Atom	10	6	3	1	13
Peewee	11	7	2	2	16
Bantam	11	8	2	1	17
Midget	7	5	0	2	12
Juvenile	11	5	5	1	11



GLAD CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

Tidings of good will and good cheer, too; coming your way

with our sincere wishes for a memorable Christmas.
Harry and Audrey Fountain of
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GREETINGS

As the children nestle down to Christmas dreams, we extend happy wishes to you and your family.

HIGHLANDS PLUMBING
Jack, Chuck, John, Jan and Ann

TC hockey action

MINDEN — The Tri County teams in Minden on Sunday kated against two fired up clubs from Fenelon Falls and Haliburton and ended up on the short end of both contests.

In the Peewee game Fene

lon Falls won 12-3. Scorers for Minden were Dill, Forbes and Reynolds.

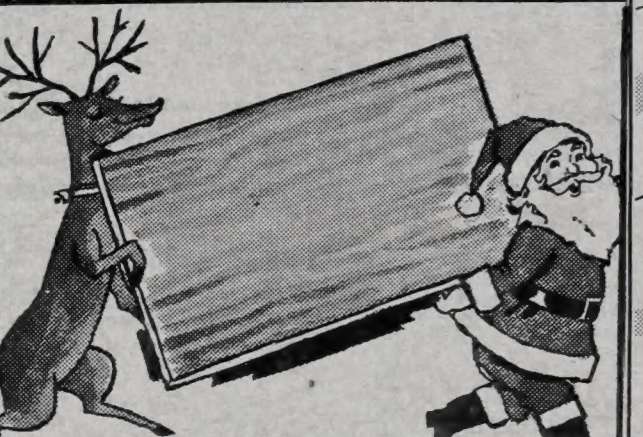
In the Midget contest, Minden jumped into a quick 2-0 lead on goals by Jones but Haliburton came back with five to win 5-2.



Merry Christmas

Happy holidays! Hope they're packed with spirited, fun times and lots of special Christmas cheer.

North Shore Lawn & Garden

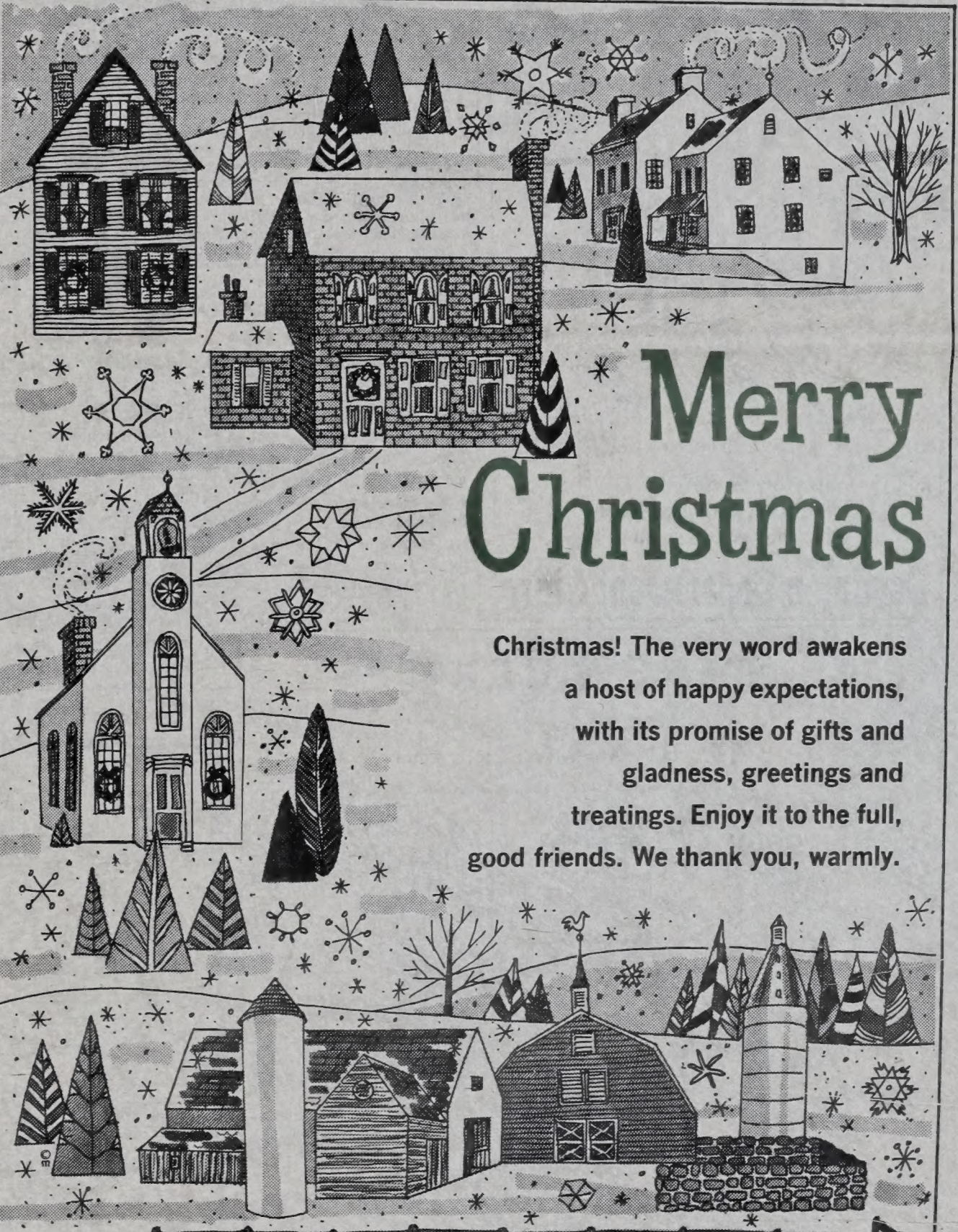


SEASON'S Greetings

To our many friends and customers from Mike and Connie, Richard and Sally, Jim and Bev, Ross Keefer, Paul Brohm, Lyle Reynolds, Wilmer Closs, Tony Casnig, Jim Casnig, Peter Wilson, Steve Farnsworth and the Hyland Lumber mice.

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Merry Christmas

Christmas! The very word awakens a host of happy expectations, with its promise of gifts and gladness, greetings and treatings. Enjoy it to the full, good friends. We thank you, warmly.

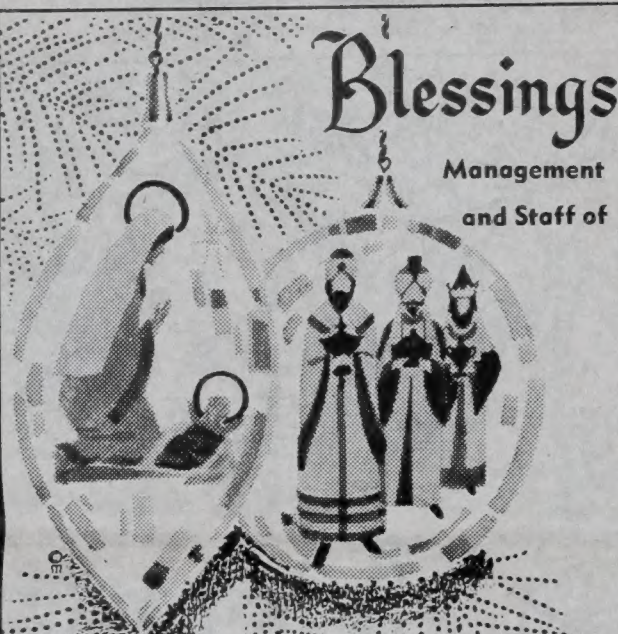
Management and Staff of
PRENTICE ROADS LTD.



Merry Christmas

Susan, Lyndell, Beth and Mabel of

Mabel's Cut 'N Curl



This Holy Season is filled with many spiritual gifts. May you reap all of them.

Dominion Department Store

Greetings

'Tis the season to be jolly! And we send jolly good thanks to all our friends.



STAFF OF

WELCH'S COUNTRY MARKET

Jolly Green Thumb

BY MARY FUREY CRYMES

The same materials that make handsome dried flower arrangements can be used to create your own bit of Victoriana — preserved flower pictures. You'll enjoy expressing your creativity from materials that are almost cost-free.

You've seen these in antique shops — the flowers pressed on velvet, usually in ornate frames with rounded glass. Usually they carry pretty hefty price tags. Your flower pictures can be made from the last flowers of your own garden, plus weeds and grasses you've gathered. Major expense is the frame, and you can find these in junk shops and discount houses. Look for old frames in interesting shapes that can be stained or regilded.

Dry flowers by pressing them between the pages of a thick phone book. If your's tends to be thinnish, press flowers between the pages of a magazine, and make a bundle by placing boards on top and bottom and tying tightly. Check progress after a week or so. If the flower feels silky and doesn't stick to the page, it's ready.

Assemble materials. You'll need fabric for the background. Velvet is a favorite, but felt and bright colored cotton work equally well. Cut a piece to fit the frame backing and tape it on. Arrange dried materials on the fabric with eyebrow tweezers, keeping in mind the room where it will hang.



If you're using big flowers, these may have to be taken apart and reassembled, petal by petal, on the background. Using white glue on the end of a toothpick, build your picture bit by bit. It's tedious work, but the results are worth the effort. After overnight drying, you reassemble the frame and secure the works with tape or by reinserting the nails that held it together.

Make several dried flower pictures for your own enjoyment and for gifting. Wouldn't Great Grandma be proud of you and your artistry with dried flowers?

High low doubles action

CARNARVON — Three leagues of eleven at Carnarvon Lanes have now decided to go to the Zone round of the Sunbeam Shoes High Low Doubles tournament. Winners are: Wally Crofts and Earl Schellenburg in the Ingoldsby Mixed, Pearl Foster and Mary Colman in the Tuesday Combines Mixed, Fred Cox and Walter

Ackerblade in the Maple Lake mixed.

The Zone finals this year in the hi-low doubles will be rolled at Carnarvon Lanes on Sunday, Feb. 19 starting at 1 p.m.

The following teams are still alive and fighting to represent their respective leagues at the Zone Round: Tuesday 9 pm mixed; Wednesday Afternoon mixed; Wednesday Night mixed; Men's Commercial; Dorset mixed; United Church and the Thursday Ladies.

When you are down in the dumps and want to climb out again, do this: praise somebody. Find some excuse to say something nice to somebody who isn't expecting it. This simple formula really works! And the astonishing thing about it is that it will not only lift your spirits, it will perform a minor miracle in the disposition of the person you are praising.

There's good news on the energy front. Our house held heat so well all summer that maybe we won't have to insulate after all.

"From the day your baby is born," counseled the famous scholar, "you must teach him to do without things. Children today love luxury too much. They have detestable manners, flout authority, have no respect for their elders. They no longer rise when their parents or teachers enter the room. What kind of awful creatures will they be when they grow up?"

The scholar who wrote these words, incidentally was Socrates, shortly before his death in 399 B.C.

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Gerald Bain, Clerk

An old fashioned Christmas

By Cheryl Freedman

SYNDICATED TRAVEL NEWS. — The Ghost of Christmas Present, with its tinsel and artificial snow, plastic ornaments and fireproof silver Christmas trees, would be distinctly out of place at Colborne Lodge in Toronto, where Christmas is celebrated as Dickens might have done so in Victorian England — or Victorian Canada, for that matter — in 1870.

The smells of hot mulled cider, sweet and spicy, and just-baked oatmeal cookies wait toward you as you enter the house.

Colborne Lodge is one of three historic houses restored and operated by the Toronto Historical Board. All are decorated every December in 19th century Christmas fashion. Mackenzie House, home

of the first mayor of Toronto, observes a Victorian Christmas of the late 1850's. Gibson House, built by a prosperous rural land surveyor, shows us how a country Christmas would have been celebrated in 1851.

Each house has its own special decorations which reflect its restoration date and family status. But there is much in common to all three.

And in each house, you are invited into the kitchen to relax before the fire with a fresh oatmeal cookie and a mug of mulled cider or cranberry punch.

Mackenzie House is a homely, warm, informal place, with gas lights and simple, sparse furnishings. The parlor was used strictly for entertaining guests and it is here

that you will see the 'kissing bough', popular Victorian forerunner of the Christmas tree which did not arrive in Canada until the late 1860's. The bough is a hollow globe with its frame covered in the fragrant green leaves of boxwood.

You won't find a Christmas tree or kissing bough at Gibson House. A country Christmas is celebrated here with apple pyramids on the table, pine boughs and cones, and masses of greenery in the double parlor. The kitchen, with its open hearth, is the centre of activity, amid smells of cider simmering, mincemeat currying, cookies baking, pies cooling on the sideboard, and pomanders drying.

Admission to each house is \$1.00 for adults and 75c for children and senior citizens. The price includes your snack of cider or punch and cookies, as well as a guided tour of the house by hostesses in authentic 19th century costumes. All the houses are open from 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from noon to 5.00 p.m. on Sunday.

Colborne Lodge, Howard Park Road and the Queensway on the south end of High Park, celebrates Christmas from December 5 through 31; Mackenzie House, 82 Bond Street, from December 2 to 31; and Gibson House, 5172 Yonge Street, Willowdale, from December 3-31. All three houses are closed December 25 and 26, and January 1.

In the News



WYN SARGENT, a 46-year-old anthropologist from California, said recently she intends to return to her husband, a cannibal chief in the Indonesian province of West Irian. Ms. Sargent married Chief Obaharok in 1973 to promote peace among feuding tribes. Now she says she wants to return to Indonesia to help build a hospital for the tribe.

Former Minden Dr. wins million

Dr. Robert Koval, formerly of Minden was the lucky winner of one million dollars in the last Provincial draw.

Dr. Koval practiced in Minden for several years before taking up his present residence in Peterborough. He now owns and operates Koval Medical Acupuncture Centre in the city.

JOY TO THE WORLD

To all our friends and neighbors we sing a joyful carol of holiday wishes... love, peace, happiness, and togetherness.



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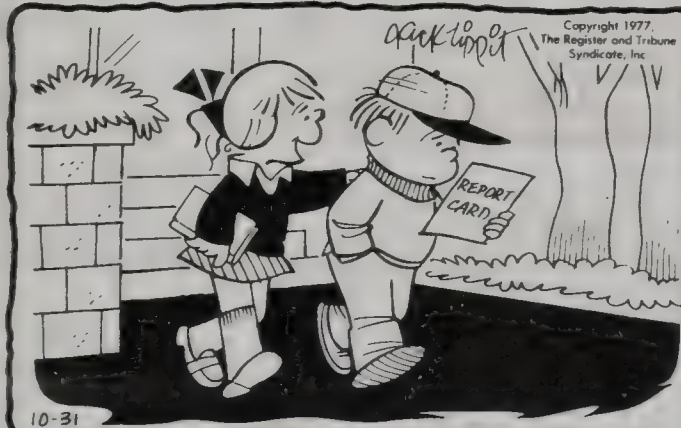
Christmas Greetings

To our many loyal patrons, we wish a generous serving of Christmas peace, joy and happiness.

Jack and Ann of

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WEST GUILFORD

AMY.



"Perk up, Roger. Your teacher has nothing against YOU, personally... she just doesn't like ANY dumb kids."



We hope your Christmas glows with many happy hours spent with family and friends. Sincere Thanks for your kind patronage.

Bertha and Art Kirk



Christmas Greetings

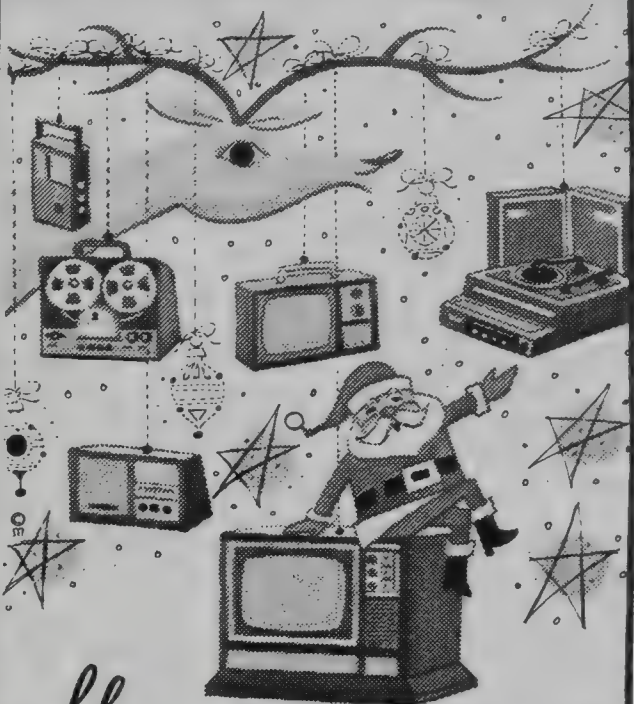
Spirits are light! There's much happy cheer and merriment as we join in the celebration of Christmas.

The Corner Store
MINDEN



Minden Boat Works

Reg and Don Booth



Merry Christmas

Here's hoping that you tune in on a happy and healthy Christmas season. We're grateful for your many kind favors. Thanks to all.

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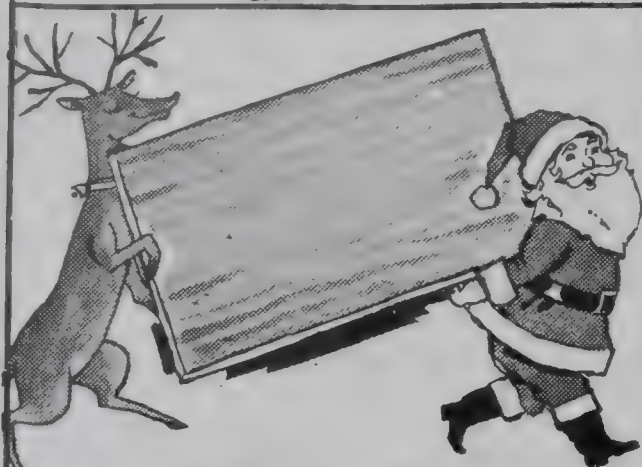


Christmas Greetings

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CARNARVON



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With a little help from our friends we've built up a fine patronage.
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Management and Staff of

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MINDEN — Michael and Lisa Carr met Santa Claus at Stedman's in Minden on Monday evening. Michael had a tall order for Santa this year. He would like to see 'Donnie and Marie Osmond' under the tree Christmas morning. Lisa asked for a 'Come to me' doll, which Santa said he would bring, provided she was a good girl from now to Christmas.

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Samantha
READS YOUR STARS

If you were born this week: You are practical and hard-working, as well as ambitious. You are cautious, and tend to be rather reserved around people until you get to know them. You are loyal and loving and family ties are important to you. You hold traditions in high regard and have a need for order.

ARIES (3-21-4-19): You're usually so busy, Aries, that it's hard for you to find time to relax and just enjoy the company of those you love. Find that time this week, and let your feelings show. After all, love is the greatest of gifts.

TAURUS (4-20-5-20): Your resources, talents, and values are highlighted this week, Taurus. Heed their message. Use them, build on them; but be happy with them. Be what you are, little bull, and you'll shine more brightly than any star.

GEMINI (5-21-6-20): Very little remains the same; almost everything changes as time goes on. And isn't that great, Gem. It allows for new experiences and growth. Life would be dull for you if it (and you) remained static. Look for new attitude and new challenge to add extra zest this week.

MOONCHILD (6-21-7-22): You enjoy entertaining, and your hospitality is second to none. One word of advice, sweet Moonbaby: Sam knows you like to whip up goodies, but don't spend all your time in the kitchen, or you'll miss all the fun. Days close with a long pause under the mistletoe.

LEO (7-23-8-22): Week may open with a test of wits and wills between you and another. Mercy me, Leo, why don't you two forget that nonsense and go visit the punch bowl? You'll probably end up arm in arm. Later, the first days of winter may be cold, but you're cozy warm with lots of hugs and kisses.

VIRGO (8-23-9-22): This week's holiday stocking holds lots of presents. They include gifts from Cupid, Lady Luck, and just surprises. It may take a bit of a treasure hunt to find several of them. Seek, Virgo my pet,

and you'll find. Days come to happy conclusion.

LIBRA (9-23-10-23): The spirit of the season surrounds you Libby. It's a time for joy and for joyful activities. So pick a partner and go caroling, or build a snowman, or take a sleigh ride. Your third party, Venus, makes the duo perfect.

SCORPIO (10-24-11-22): Make the most of your assets, Scorp. Attractive packaging can be a definite plus. We all know that it's what's inside that counts, but let's face it, a fancy wrapping will grab the attention every time.

SAGITTARIUS (11-23-12-21): Take time out from merrymaking to keep abreast of business matters, Sag. You'll put money in your pocket AND keep projects on an even keel. The full moon sets romance a-poppin' and days slide to sexy fini.

CAPRICORN (12-22-1-19): Happy birthday, Capricorn. Like your symbol, the mountain goat, you're persistent and hardworking. You set high goals for yourself; you rarely choose the easy road. At this special time, we salute a special person: YOU.

AQUARIUS (1-20-2-19): The cat's liable to leap out of the bag ahead of schedule, Aquari. Ah well, some things just weren't meant to be surprises. Romantic prospects sizzle, and you may spend latter days playing with your new toys.

PISCES (2-20-3-20): Yours is a mutable sign, Pisces, meaning that you are rather flexible. This does NOT translate to wishy-washy or to putty in someone's hands. Show your mind and your will and prove that you'll do things YOUR way.

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Rise in productivity

Statistics Canada reports that output per worker rose 3.6 per cent in 1976, the largest increase in Canada since 1972. Goods-producing industries showed productivity increases of 3.8 per cent while service industries posted an advance of 3.3 per cent.

Deficit doubles

The Department of Finance reports that the federal government budgetary deficit was \$615 million in October, compared with a deficit of \$301 million in October, 1976. For the first seven months of the fiscal year ending next March 31, the deficit was \$5.04 billion, up from \$3.58 billion a year earlier.

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If we trust in the Lord
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We can look forward
to a better New Year.

I really look forward
to seventy eight,
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as it comes each week
right off the press.

Merry Christmas to your staff
and all you hold dear,
Wishing your new paper
a Prosperous New Year.

BERT HARRISON.

Carnarvon



Jolly spirits, happy times and the best of Christmas cheer are what we're wishing you, with our appreciation for your kind patronage.

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HALIBURTON

Stanhope Twp. reviewed

by Alex Stevenson
STANHOPE — As 1977 draws to a close it may be of interest to review the administration of the present Stanhope Township Council during the past year.

In addition to the usual road maintenance there has been other substantial work carried out such as the improvement to the North Shore road, some necessary ditching and drainage, and road improvement in the Hawk Lake area.

Other work has included the initial work on the look-out park overlooking Beech Lake, providing a baseball park which is a first step in the development of an outdoor recreation area, further improvement to the airport, and drainage work for the Township garage. The new garage houses excellent equipment which has been augmented by the addition of a new back-hoe and this machinery in the hands of the capable township crew assures us of good service both summer and winter. An addition to the Township office building will, when completed, enable separate office space to be provided for the Township clerk and for the By-Law officer.

Another fine performance has been the initiation of work programs by Stanhope council under the Canada Works program.

A look at some figures will be of interest in showing the value of this program to the Township.

During 1977, grants from LIP and from Canada Work sources amounted to \$49,470.00, and this sum enabled

work to be undertaken which provided some 13,080 hours of employment for Township residents who were unemployed.

The second phase of this program commenced Nov. 1977 and will continue through the early part of 1978. This second phase grant amounts to \$46,600 and will provide some 11,760 hours of employment to Stanhope Township unemployed workers.

It is worthwhile noting that this has come about because of council's determination to undertake a works program and obtain the grants for the Township. Reeve Sinc Nesbitt has worked hard for Stanhope in this regard and has pursued every avenue to obtain grants which would provide work for people.

The Reeve gives generous credit to Township Clerk G. Bain whose efforts in administering the local program have kept things going smoothly. In addition, the clerk has many forms and submissions to present showing the progress of work required or already underway and these have brought a favourable reaction from departmental inspectors re: Stanhope's program.

Projects to be carried out in 1978 include further work on the look-out park and on the recreation area and others will be added as we get into 1978. A survey is to be carried out to determine the feasibility of installing a paved runway at the airport.

The Fire Department has

continued to expand and reflect credit on the Township and council has co-operated with this public spirited group.

The Reeve and Council also acknowledge the efforts of volunteer committees who work on behalf of the community. These committees include the volunteer Firemen's Association, the Airport Committee, the Library Committee and more recently the Recreation Committee.

The attendance record of council members has been excellent, there having been only one absence during the year. Finances are still in sound shape, the cash reserves are strong and the only debts are the normal operating ones which are being met as required.

To sum up, it would appear that the Township of Stanhope is fortunate to have the group of people now serving on council.

There may be areas for criticism of individuals or of council as a whole, but regular attendance at council meetings leads one to the conclusion that the members of council feel they represent the whole Township and they do try to administer township affairs accordingly.

Advice young men aren't likely to heed: Studying the angles is much more profitable than studying the curves.

Hundreds enjoy school concert

Last Thursday evening some 450 people were on hand to enjoy the Archie Stouffer Elementary school kick off to the festive season with their annual Christmas concert.

With the assistance and hard work of the teachers' and the children's enthusiasm the youngsters supplied all attending a fun-filled and entertaining evening.

A special added attraction this year was a showing of slides. These were interesting pictures of the school, classroom groupings and of the students at work and play.

All students from kindergarten through grade five participated in the concert. Each year at this time after attending such an event like this, it takes some of us back to our own school days when we too were full of excitement and Christmas spirit and I think you will agree that we should say "hats off" to Archie Stouffer school for keeping this tradition alive and at its best for all to enjoy.

If you hear rappings when you visit us, it isn't ghosts: it's the meter reader with the unpaid bill.



'It's not arthritis! I bruised my hip doing the 'bump' last night at the Seniors' Disco!'



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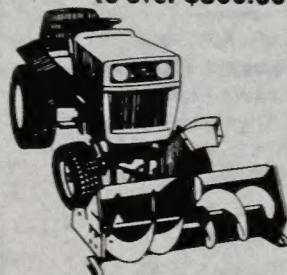
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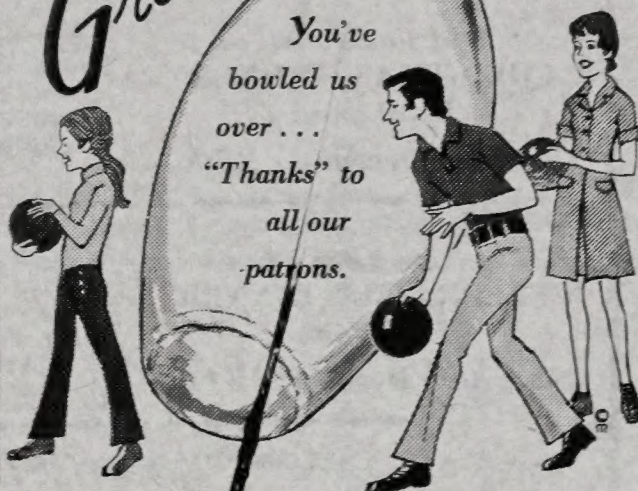
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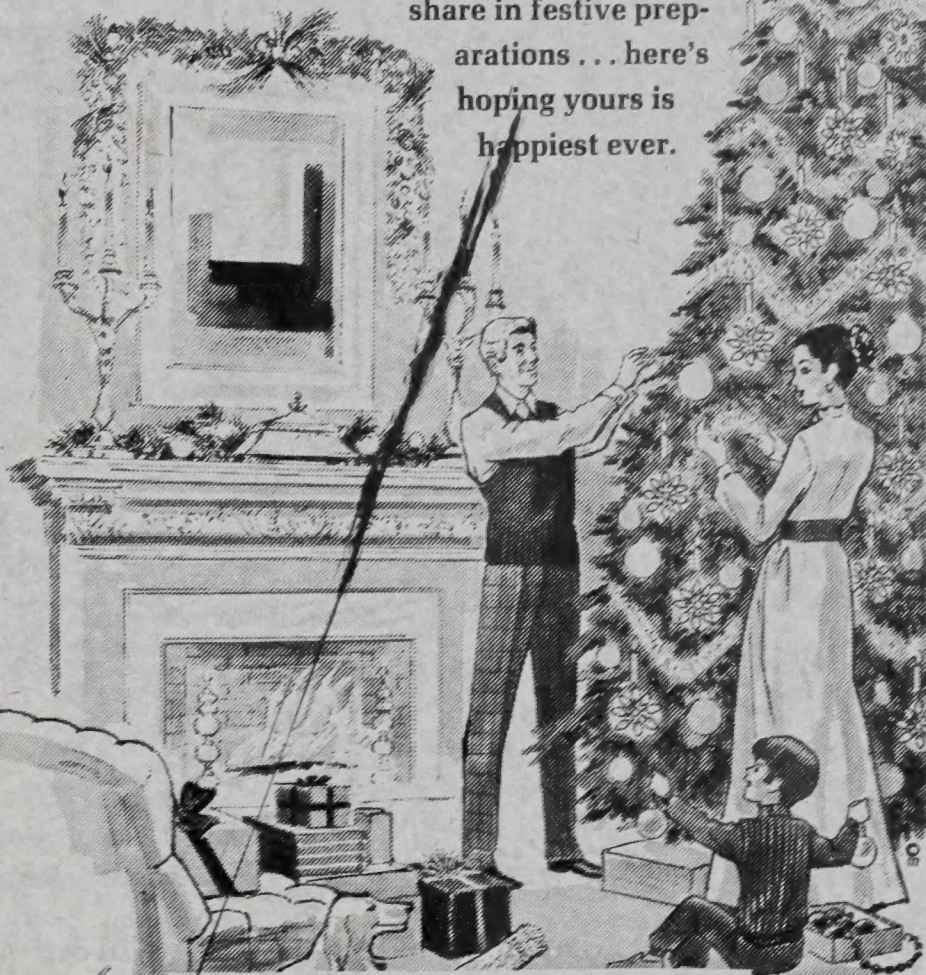
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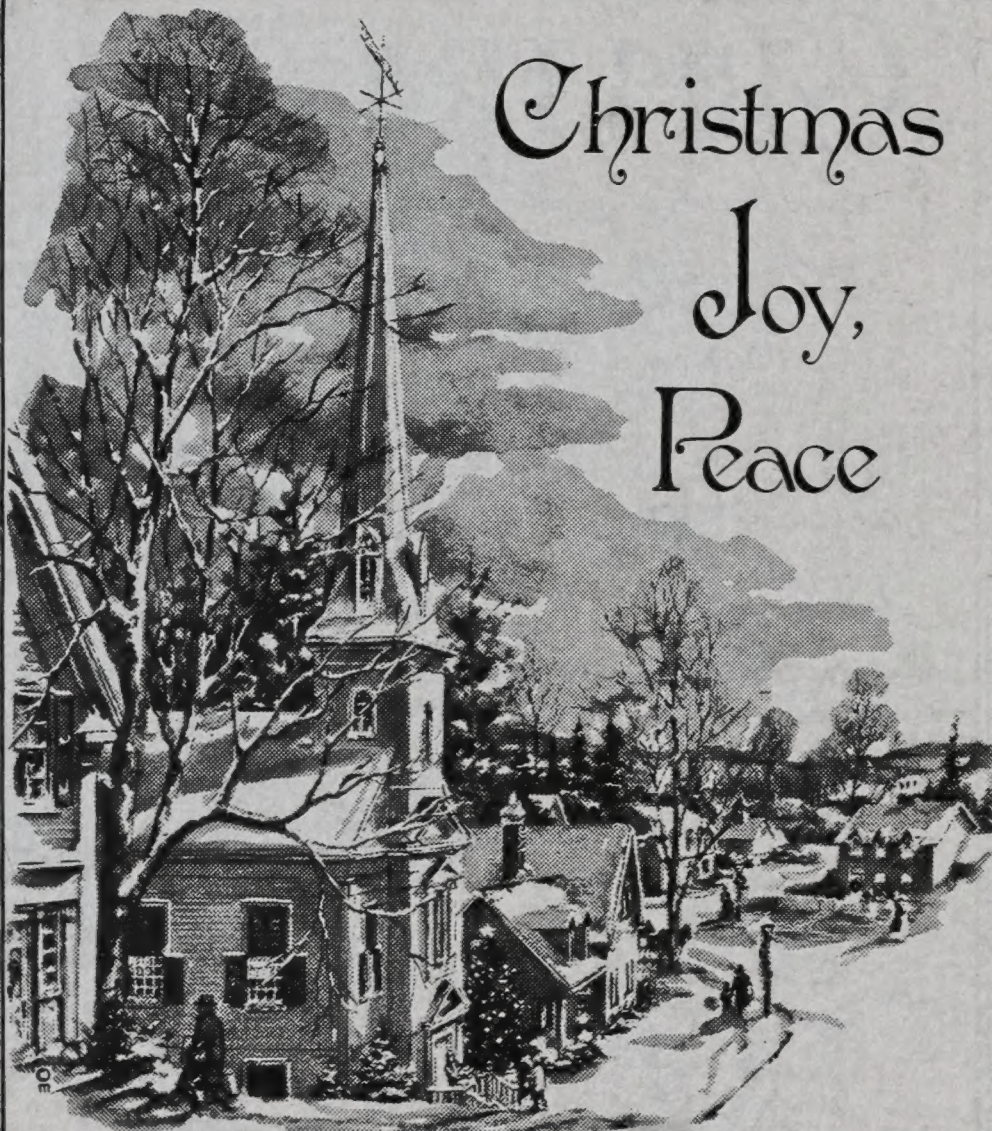
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Dear Alma, I have a brother and a sister and I'm the youngest. Every time something happens I get blamed — like leaving the cap off the toothpaste, not turning off the lights, eating the last cookie and stuff like that. It isn't fair. — 10 and Never Guilty.

Dear N.G., Doomed from birth. Such is the plight of every 10-year-old. But time is on your side — you will outgrow this age. As for the

"never" in your signature, NEVER say "never".

Dear Alma, A few weeks ago you wrote about the girl who was recently divorced and advised us to address her mail to "Ms." I would like to know how difficult it would be to change my name back to my maiden name? — P.M.

Dear P.M., My legal advisor tells me that it's easier to get a name change after the divorce (anyone can petition for a name change) than to rely on a judge's willingness to grant the change as part of the divorce action. Where there are children, some judges worry about an implication of illegitimacy if mom has a different name from the kids — how archaic! In some states, new legislation is pending to make it mandatory for a judge to grant the change in the divorce action if a woman wants it. If you feel strongly about it, why not dash off a letter of support to your state representative?

Exports increase

Statistics Canada reports that exports were up 12.6 per cent in October over September to a total of \$4.02 billion. Imports were little changed at \$3.53 billion, leaving an adjusted merchandise trade surplus of \$489 million for the month, the largest surplus since March.

British inflation declining

Retail prices in Britain rose 0.4 per cent in October after a gain of 0.5 per cent in the previous month, the department of employment announced recently. The October rate was the lowest since August, 1976. The annual rate of inflation dropped to 14.1 per cent in October from 15.6 per cent in September. In the first half of 1975, inflation was running at 34.8 per cent.

Food prices

The AIB's index of retail food prices increased by 2.0 per cent between mid-October and mid-November. Higher prices for beef and fresh fruits and vegetables were responsible for almost all of the increase. Pork, beverage and sugar prices were lower.

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